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## MEDIA

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**Press Release issued:** [U.S. EPA Awards \\$1 Million Grant to Research Impact of Drought on Water Quality \(CA\)](#)

News coverage on last week's event in Fresno with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District:

- **Foothills Sun Gazette:** [\\$6 mil grant to phase out old tractors, stoves](#)

**Yuma Sun:** Reporter Blake Herzog is working on a story from a PR issued back in May regarding three brownfield grants in Arizona. He wants a comment as to why the city of Yuma was selected for this grant and the kinds of projects which can be completed with it. Working with Margo to get a statement. OPEN. SFUND. (v.) Soledad Calvino/Margot Perez-Sullivan.

**AZ Daily Star:** Sent written responses to reporter today, working on follow up responses to questions sent: OPEN Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan (AIR)

**Freelancer:** Reporter Monica Valencia is working on an education story about stormwater pollution in LA/San Gabriel Valley. Reporter sent question. Sent reporter final response. WATER/ENF. CLOSED. Nahal Mogharabi.

## WEB

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### Social Media:

**Chemical Safety/Children's Health** – Posted to our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages about our efforts to learn more about the safety of recycled tire materials and linked to our newly updated Web page, [The Use of Recycled Tire Materials on Playgrounds & Artificial Turf Fields](#).

### Web Updates:

**UIC Permits Program** – Updated 20 pages in the [UIC Permits Program website](#) to improve content or republish in the OneEPA Drupal format.

### 9Online Updates:

**News this Week** – Published the latest edition of News this Week including information about the [ELDP Class of 2015](#), a Behind the Scenes look at [Aisha Kennedy](#) of the Enforcement Division, and the upcoming Federal Benefits Open Season and deadline for Ethics Training.

## CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

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**Clean Power Plan Legislative Update:** The House Energy and Commerce Committee today sent two resolutions to the floor that would block the Obama administration's carbon rules for power plants. The panel voted to approve both joint resolutions by a vote of 28-21. No Democrats voted in favor of the resolutions, and no Republicans voted in opposition. Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Energy and Power Chairman Ed Whitfield (R-Ky.) introduced both resolutions targeting the climate rules under the rarely used Congressional Review Act, which gives Congress a means of striking down administrative rules in an expedited manner. [H.J. Res. 71](#) would block U.S. EPA's rule restricting carbon dioxide emissions from new power plants, while [H.J. Res. 72](#) would kill the Clean Power Plan to address emissions from existing power plants. The vote to send the resolutions to the House comes a day after the full Senate approved both resolutions by a vote of 52-46 mostly along party lines. The White House has threatened to veto both attempts to undermine the centerpieces of President Barack Obama's climate change agenda. - *Greenwire*

**Rep. Xavier Becerra (D-CA-34):** Brent Maier coordinated and participated in a call today with Irvin DeLaO and Johanna Montiel in the District and DC offices of Congressman Xavier Becerra to discuss the Exide facility in Vernon, CA. Congressman Xavier Becerra had a previous call with Administrator Gina McCarthy on October 28, 2015. During that call the Congressman inquired as to having the EPA take a look at the case of Exide to see if it was possible to do an assessment report and see what other ways the EPA may be able to help with the ongoing cleanup action lead by DTSC. Region IX participants in the call included Enforcement Division's Deldi Reyes, Superfund Division's Dan Meer, Land Division's Tom Huetteman and Barbara Gross. We discussed EPA's role and past involvement/actions at the Exide facility.

**Congressional Outreach on EPA Grant to Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC):**

Brent Maier shared today's press release with Congressional staff contacts for the entire California Congressional delegation announcing an award of \$1 million grant to the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) to conduct research on the effects of drought and extreme weather on the state's water resources.

**Congressional Outreach on Truckee Meadows Maintenance Plan and Redesignation**

**Request:** Brent Maier shared Air Division's notice with Congressional staff for Senators Harry Reid and Dean Heller and Rep. Mark Amodei regarding that on November 16<sup>th</sup>, the RA signed a Federal Register notice of final rulemaking to approve the Truckee Meadows maintenance plan and redesignation request for the 24-hour coarse particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub>) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). Brent also shared a pre-publication version of the notice and a fact sheet for their information.

**EPA HQ Meeting with Santa Clara Valley Water District:** EPA HQ met with representatives of the Santa Clara Valley Water District for continuing dialogue on the State of California's drought conditions; permit streamlining, and ongoing water projects. A major priority for the District is increasing the supply of water through ambitious water recycling plans. The Water District has partnered with EPA in the Water Sense program and have run a labeling program for certifying irrigation professionals. Recycled water has been used successfully in Santa Clara County for decades. The District's ambitious plans include doubling by 2025 the 5 percent of the county's total water demands being met currently by recycled water. Attending from the District were Board Chair Gary Kremen; Director Barbara Keegan; Norma Camacho, Chief Operating Officer, Watersheds; Melanie Richardson, Deputy Operations Officer for the Watershed Design and Construction Division; Jerry DeLa Piedra, Manager of the Water Supply Planning & Conservation Unit; Rick Callender, Deputy Administrative Officer, Government Relations. Region IX participants included Water Division's Doug Eberhardt and Brent Maier.

**House Natural Resources Committee:** The House Natural Resources Committee released a new Federal Interactive Footprint [map](#) showing every acre of property owned by the federal

government.

**Upcoming Intergovernmental Meeting This Week:**

**Friday, November 20, 2015 – Meeting for Governors' Staff and EPA Officials:** On Friday, November 20, EPA will host Governors' office staff for an opportunity to meet and discuss a range of issues that EPA and the states work on together. Administrator McCarthy will kick off the meeting and discuss the Montreal Protocol and COP21. AA Janet McCabe, OAR, will lead a discussion on the Clean Power Plan, ozone, and recent air actions related to oil and natural gas. AA Cynthia Giles, OECA, will discuss EJ2020, NextGen compliance, and NPDES e-reporting. Acting AA Joel Beauvais, OW, will brief the group on the Clean Water Rule, the water finance center, and water quality trading. AA Jim Jones, OCSP, will give an overview of the Worker Protection Standards and Safer Choice. Finally, AA Laura Vaught, OP, and Matt Dalbey, Director, Office of Sustainable Communities, will lead a discussion on the Administrator's priority of Making a Visible Difference in Communities. **Matt Rodriguez, California Secretary for Environmental Protection is the only RSVP among the Region IX States.** OCIR Contact: Becky Cook-Shyovitz